September 29, 1982

Dear Harold,

Thanks for your letter of 8/17. Here's 4 EOC 4 (pp. 1-2 only, since Gary Mack has sent you the first issue of his newsletter.)

Tony Summers has done some checking on Comer Clarke, which is how he spelled his name when he wrote 4 books in England, from 1960 through 1963. He was evidently a competent and respected journalist for the British tabloids, before he hit the bottle hard somewhere in the '60's. By 1967, he was, I gather, hanging around Miami and freelancing, mainly for the National Enquirer. One of his books was on Russian espionage, another on Eichmann, which means he may have been well plugged in to intelligence sources. Tony and I think that he probably did go to Cuba, as described in his article, and tried to see Castro; he may have encountered Castro in the street and may have even had a conversation with him, but it ~~remains~~ remains unlikely that the conversation was what Clarke reports. He had, by the way, the reputation of someone who would give you the story if there was one, and if there wasn't one, sometimes he would deliver anyhow. My best guess is still that he somehow found out about the substance of Castro's alleged 1964 remarks to Solo (Childs) from an intelligence source - perhaps at Clarke's initiative, perhaps at the source's.

Someone told me that the FBI does indeed have quite a few pages on Clarke. If you can check the Dallas field office file index again, with the improved spelling, perhaps we can avoid a FOIA request.

No word from or about Sylvia.

I expect a BBN rebuttal on the acoustics within a few weeks. I don't know what the substance will be.

With best regards,

Paul

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